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SUBJECT: NEW GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE

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WE GENERALLY AGREE WITH THE COMMENTS OF EMBASSY BONN ABOUT HERBST. HIS EXCESSIVE SMOOTHNESS OFTEN GIVES THE IMPRESSION OF SUPERFICIALITY, BUT HE IS CAPABLE AND HARD WORKING. HE HAS PLAYED A LEADING ROLE IN GENEVA AMONG THE AMBASSADORS OF THE NINE AND HAS GENERALLY PROVED HIMSELF MOST COOPERATIVE IN CONSULTATIONS AND ATTEMPTS TO REACH AGREED WESTERN POSITIONS. ON OCCASION HE HAS BEEN EXCESSIVELY LEGALISTIC AND OVERLY CONCERNED WITH PROCEDURE RATHER THAN WITH SUBSTANCE. DESPITE HIS SMOOTHNESS, ON ONE OCCASION HE LOST HIS COOL AND BECAME HIGHLY EMOTIONAL ABOUT THE ISSUE OF PAY INCREASES FOR ONE OF THE CATEGORIES OF UN EMPLOYEES.DALE

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